

### REMARKS


This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on September 27, 2007. The Office Action is an election of species requirement. In this regard, an election of species from two alleged groups of invention: Species A (the phytochemicals from the group consisting of Sesquiterpene lactones, prebiotic fibers, and dietary agents); and Species B (the plant material selected from the group consisting of chicory, lettuce, coffee, soja, Jerusalem artichoke, leek, onion, yacon, and asparagus). Applicants elect, without traverse, from Species A (phytochemicals), Sesquiterpene lactones, and from Species B (plant material), chicory. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

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